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Re: Application of Olaf Vancura)
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For: METHODS FOR A CUSTOMIZED CASINO GAME)

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Preliminary Amendment

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Please add new claims, as follows:

- 14) (New claim) The method of claim 11 with the step of depicting including showing what the player has pre-selected.
- 15) (New claim) The method of claim 14 with the step of showing includes making the showing so that the pre-selection is apparent to the players.
- 16) (New claim) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of making the showing is on the casino game of chance such as a slot machine wherein changing the information includes different colors on its top-box.

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is submitted before receipt of any action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. As there were less than twenty claims in the original filing and none of the new claims is independent, no additional fee is required. Support for these three added new dependent claims may be found in the application as filed. In particular, the following citations are taken directly from the as filed application.

"The bonus game may be housed separately from the slot reels (for example, in a spinning-reel slot machine with a top-box bonus), or may be simply on an additional screen (for example, in a video-reel slot machine). Too, for the purposes of the teachings herein, the manner and equipment that initiates a bonus game (e.g., combination of special symbols as described above or other methods) are varied in implementation."

"During play there is a need to show the currently pre-selected aspect at, for example, display 14 the particular bonus play pre-selected. One form of that could use the bonus entry triggering symbol 13 which may also be representative of the theme of the underlying base game and bonus play. In the preferred embodiment, indicia 17 on the base game can follow the theme of the pre-selected aspect."

"In the physical embodiments of the casino game of chance 10, the indicia can include graphic representation, icons and video depictions depending on the chosen interactive structure for the casino game of chance 10 and more especially, the aspects pre-selected for the bonus play."

Thus there is support for the three added claims.

Respectively submitted for Applicant,



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